

**LOWELL CHARTER TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009**

Present: Hale, Regan, Stougaard, Anderson, Blough, Thompson, VanderZiel
Absent: None

The meeting was called to order in the Township Hall by the Supervisor, Jerry Hale at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Blough asked to add reports on MTA and PDR meetings he attended. Blough moved, VanderZiel seconded, to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP HALL RENOVATION PROJECT – Hale, Stougaard and VanderZiel interviewed the four lowest bidders on the Township Hall renovation project - Dan Vos \$30,000; Erhard \$32,500; Stedfast \$32,580 and Rich Anderson \$35,000. After adjusting the bids to reflect the cost of moving the furniture and cost of carpeting, the bids were as follows: Dan Vos \$30,900; Erhard \$33,570; Stedfast \$32,319 and Rich Anderson \$31,294. All of the bidders have local people working for them and some of them will use local subcontractors. After discussion, Stougaard recommended using Richard Anderson because he will be doing a lot of the work himself as well as using local subcontractors and is within \$400 of the lowest bid. Thompson moved, Anderson (no relation) seconded, to award the bid to Rich Anderson. Motion carried.

FIRE AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES – The Township Board needs to appoint two representatives to serve on the Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Services Board. Trustee Blough and Cliff Bonn have both served for several years on the Fire Committee. Blough is interested in serving on the newly formed Fire Board for a two year term. Regan moved, Stougaard seconded, to appoint Carlton Blough to serve on the Fire Board for a two year term. Motion carried. Stougaard moved, Blough seconded, to appoint Cliff Bonn to serve on the Fire Board for a four year term. Motion carried.

STIMULUS MONEY PROJECTS – Supervisor Hale would like input from the Board about projects that they would like to see accomplished. Although it would be difficult to apply for stimulus money at this point, there is funding available through Rural Development. Several ideas discussed are updating the Key Heights lift station, high speed internet service, and sidewalks along Fulton Street. He will come back to the board with information regarding the requirements to applying for this funding.

MTA, PDR UPDATE – Blough attended meetings for Kent County Michigan Townships Association and gave an update. He has materials from the meeting for anyone interested. He also attended a Purchase of Development Rights meeting. The application forms for Purchase of Development rights are available at the Township.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS – One citizen commented.

ADJOURNMENT – VanderZiel moved, Stougaard seconded, the meeting adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Regan, Clerk
Charter Township of Lowell

Jerry Hale, Supervisor